

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5       The present invention provides a method, apparatus, computer program product, and service which enables a UDDI registry to provide support for external matching services. Using tModels a service provider specifies its capabilities in a language, such as DAML-S, and a service requester specifies service requirements in the same or a similar language. As a result when a service requester contacts the registry to obtain details of service which matches the service requirements, the registry uses an external matching engine capable of comparing the capabilities and 10 requirements in order to find suitable matching services.

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